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Clare Miller  
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**Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2015-1338**

Dear Ms. Miller:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its January 15, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether you can serve as a member of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (Committee) for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy), while you serve as a member of the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition (Board of Examiners). Your service with the Board of Examiners, which was created pursuant to La. R.S. 37:3084, is voluntary, for which you receive no compensation. You also serve as the Board of Examiners' liaison to the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (LAND), an affiliate of the Academy. Your position as liaison requires you to attend LAND meetings, during which you express any concerns or legislative changes on behalf of the Board of Examiners.

You stated that the Academy is a national professional association committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy. Furthermore, based upon the information that you provided, the Committee guides the establishment of the Academy's public policy work including, but not limited to, activities related to federal and state public policy, legislative, and regulatory issues. You explained that Committee members are not compensated for their service. However, members are reimbursed for any necessary travel, lodging, and per diem expenses incurred in connection with attending the two Committee meetings per year. Finally, you stated that there is no relationship or interaction between the Board of Examiners and the Academy.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that your service as a member of the Committee, while you serve as a member of the Board of Examiners, does not present an issue addressed by the Code of Governmental Ethics.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

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Vivian Haley Williams  
For the Board

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